

The Honorary Graduate: Professor Jane Harrington

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Professor Jane Harrington is to be awarded the Honorary Degree of Doctor of the University

Professor Jane Harrington is Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost at UWE Bristol. She takes up the post of Vice-chancellor of the University of Greenwich in December. In her current role, Jane is responsible for academic faculties and student facing professional services, research and business engagement and partnership activities.

Jane is on the University's Board of Governors, and is a Companion of the CMI South West Regional Board of the Chartered Management Institute (CMI), having played a key role in the Institutes 21st Century Leader's Project. This project led to the key role that the CMI now play working with universities to develop managers for the future. Jane is Chair of the Cabot Learning Federation Board (a multi-academy trust). CLF educates over 11000 children each year and works in some of the most deprived parts of Bristol, South Gloucestershire and Weston Super Mare. Jane is also a member of the Bristol Women's Commission and sits on the CBI South West Regional Council. Jane has also held international posts in the Canary Islands and India. Prior to her appointment as DVC, Jane was Vice-Chair and a non-executive Director of the Chartered Association of Business Schools.

Jane's specific interests include teaching excellence and the student experience, widening access into higher education, inclusivity and social mobility, and improving partnership working across the business and university sectors.

Jane's areas of expertise include inclusive leadership, the development of innovative programmes, partnerships with other universities, FE Colleges and private providers, and change management.

Jane graduated from Bristol Polytechnic with a BA in Business Studies in 1989, graduating from the University of the West of England (formerly Bristol Polytechnic) with a PhD at the end of 2000. Jane's academic career at the University has spanned over 30 years.

Jane's first academic role was as a lecturer in the Bristol Business School in 1991. Between 2001 and 2005 Jane undertook a variety of roles within the Business School including Programme Director of Business and Management and Principal Lecturer in HRM. In 2007, Jane was appointed Associate Dean for Academic Development and Programmes and in 2010 she was appointed Pro Vice-Chancellor & Executive Dean of what had then become the Faculty of Business and Law. In 2013 Jane was made a Professor in Higher Education and Partnerships and in 2016 was appointed to the post of DVC & Provost of the University.

A highly successful alumnus of Bristol Business School, Jane has taught thousands of students over her career seeing many of them go onto highly successful careers. She has developed her specific interest in gender and work, through both research and policy development, and recently through work on anti-sexual violence. Jane has nurtured partnerships regionally, nationally and internationally. She is particularly proud of her work with Taylors University in Malaysia where over 3000 students each year graduate with a UWE degree.

The Honorary Degree is awarded in recognition of Jane's exceptional contribution to the University and the Bristol region.